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SUBJ: CRITICISM OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARD
THE MIDDLE EAST AND PRAISE OF US ROLE

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1. SEVERAL RECENT EDITORIALS HAVE EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM'S "KOWTOWING" TO THE ARABS, AND HAVE PRAISED THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER IN OBTAINING A CEASE-FIRE AND LAUNCHING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. ALTHOUGH PRIME MINISTER HAS LAUDED KISSINGER'S ROLE, HE HAS CRITICISED US FOR ITS PARTISAN STAND IN OZ. IN RECENT PRESS INTERVIEWS AMBASSADOR HAS STRESSED CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE OF US POLICY AND HAS EMPHASIZED THAT ACCEPTANCE BY ARABS AND ISRAELIS ALIKE OF US LEADERSHIP ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT CEASE-FIRE AND OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS ATTESTS TO US EVEN-HANDED APPROACH AS WELL AS WIDE RESPECT FOR US OBJECTIVITY IN SEEKING A LASTING SOLUTION.

2. EXAMPLE OF THESE WELCOME EDITORIALS IS FOLLOWING CONCLUDING OBSERVATION IN MELBOURNE "HERALS" EDITORIAL OF NOVEMBER 26: "OUR MODEL HERE SHOULD BE THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WE SHOULD BE
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